ETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) Attorney Docket No.: 99,096 ADDRESS TO: Application No.: 09/429,716 **Commissioner for Patents** Filing Date: P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 First Named Inventor: Stanley T. Naudus **Group Art Unit:** 2664 Examiner: Chuong T. Ho This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application to and including December 16, 2003. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired): RECEIVED One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$110.00 DEC 2 9 2003 Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$

Technology Center 2600

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))

Four Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) Five Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 13-2490. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Brian R. Harris Name 45.900 Reg. No. Signature Date December 16, 2003

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